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1. JULY 3 CEYLON DAILY NEWS CARRIES FRONT PAGE STORY HEADED "WAS SWRD A VICTIM OF CIA? - NEW YORK TIMES". QUOTING SOVIET WEEKLY NEW TIMES ARTICLE SAID:

"ON MARCH 17 PRESIDENT GERALD FORD SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE: "I WILL NOT CONDONE - IN FACT I CONDEMN - ANY CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ANY ASSASSINATION PLANNING OR ACTION."

"FOUR DAYS EARLIER THE NEW YORK TIMES HAD REPORTED, CITING ADMINISTRATION SOURCES, THAT SECRET DOCUMENTS RELATING TO VARIOUS YEARS CONCERNING "PLOTS BY CIA AGAINST AS MANY AS SEVEN FOREIGN LEADERS" WERE TO BE VERIFIED. AMONG THEM THE PRESS NAMED BESIDES LUMUMBA, THE LATE PRIME MINISTER SOLOMON BANDARANAIKE OF CEYLON, MUAMAR AL GADDAFI, CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBYAN REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA, WHO WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED IN BOLIVA, AND PRESENT LEADERS OF CUBA."

2. REQUEST DEPT CHECK ALL EDITIONS NEW YORK TIMES AROUND MARCH 13. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER CEYLON DAILY NEWS QUOTE IS ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE. APPRECIATE RECEIVING WORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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